

FEBRUARY 17, 1823.

Read twice, and ordered to lie on the table.

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

*Requiring from the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, an Annual Statement of the Expenditures from the Contingent fund of the two Houses.*

1        *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of*  
2   *the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3   *the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of*  
4   *Representatives, be, and they are hereby, required to lay be-*  
5   *fore the two Houses, respectively, at the commencement of*  
6   *each session of Congress, a table or statement shewing the*  
7   *names and compensation of the clerks employed in their*  
8   *respective offices, and the names and compensation of the*  
9   *messengers of the respective Houses; together with a detail-*  
10   *ed statement of the items of expenditure of the contingent*  
11   *fund of the respective Houses for the next immediately pre-*  
12   *ceding year; in which statement the disbursements shall be*  
13   *arranged under the following heads, to wit: first, printing;*  
14   *second, stationery, and distinguishing under this head the ar-*  
15   *ticles furnished for the use of the members, from those fur-*  
16   *nished for the offices of the Secretary and Clerk, and specify-*

17 ing the number of reams of each kind of paper; third, book-  
18 binding; fourth, fuel; fifth, newspapers, specifying under this  
19 head the amount of orders given at the preceding session, as  
20 well as the payments made; sixth, the post offices; seventh,  
21 the repairs and preservation of the furniture; eighth, services  
22 of messengers and horses; ninth, miscellaneous items not in-  
23 cluded under the preceding heads. Which statements shall  
24 exhibit, also, the several sums drawn by the said Secretary and  
25 Clerk, respectively, from the Treasury, and the balances, if  
26 any, remaining in their hands.